

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A windscreen wiper system for motor vehicles, comprising:
~~particularly for motor vehicles with~~

at least three connections at intervals from one another for screw-free installation of ~~[[a]]~~
the windscreen wiper system or a carrier of the~~[[is]]~~ windscreen wiper system on
a vehicle bodywork, wherein each of the at least three connections comprise
fixing elements integrally moulded on windscreen wiper system or carrier, the
fixing elements comprising:

~~with the fixings consisting respectively of a first fixing element which can~~
configured to be pushed into an attachment or fixing hole, wherein the
first fixing element is ~~it can be~~ anchored by engagement, and ~~[[with]]~~

at least one second fixing element having a grommet in elastic material which ~~can~~
be is inserted into the attachment or fixing hole, designed with
wherein the grommet comprises:

at least one projection acting as a catch, wherein, on the grommet in
[[the]] an area of the at least one projection, at least one cavity is
arranged radially inwards opposite the at least one projection with
reference to a grommet axis,

wherein the grommet is arranged secured against axial displacement on a peg or a
peg section of the at least one second fixing element, safeguarded by back
cuts between the peg and the grommet axially on the peg, and wherein the
peg or the peg section has at least one groove to accept the grommet.

2. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 1, wherein the cavity
is a ~~cutout, for example~~ a circular groove-~~[[like]]~~ shaped cutout.
3. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 2, wherein the cavity
is a cutout open towards ~~[[the]]~~ a circumference of the grommet, and wherein the cavity has
an extension stretching under the at least one projection.

4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 1, wherein the cavity on ~~[[the]]~~ a circumferential area of the grommet is open near ~~[[the]]~~ a locking area, wherein the locking area is formed by a side of the at least one projection that is facing a flange-shaped section of the grommet.
6. (Previously Presented) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one projection is a circular-shaped projection concentrically enclosing the grommet axis.
7. (Withdrawn) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 1, wherein the cavity is formed by a section of the grommet opening with an enlarged cross-section.
8. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 1, wherein the grommet is manufactured from ~~an elastic rubber material, for example from rubber or an elastic rubber plastic.~~
9. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein the grommet forms a further contact surface axially distanced from the ~~at least one~~ locking area₁ and ~~[[that]]~~ wherein an ~~[[the]]~~ axial distance between the~~[[se]]~~ further contact surface~~[[s]]~~ on the grommet side and the ~~at least one~~ locking area are ~~at the most~~ equal to or less than ~~[[the]]~~ an axial distance between a first surface gripped from behind at the attachment or fixing hole formed by the locking area and a second surface formed at the attachment or fixing hole which lies against the further contact surface on the grommet side.
10. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 9, wherein the further contact surface on the grommet side is formed by a flange-~~[[like]]~~ shaped grommet section projecting over ~~[[the]]~~ a circumference of the grommet.
11. – 13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 1, wherein the first and at least one second fixing elements are at least arranged in part on the windscreen wiper

system or on an element of the windscreen wiper system and the corresponding fixing or attachment openings are arranged on the bodywork side.

15. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 1, wherein the first and at least one second fixing elements are at least arranged in part on [[the]] a bodywork side of the vehicle and the corresponding fixing or attachment openings are arranged on the windscreen wiper system or on a functional element of the windscreen wiper system.

16. (Currently Amended) The windscreen wiper system according to claim 1, wherein a volume of the at least one cavity is at least equal to [[the]] a volume of the at least one projection.

17. (Currently Amended) A fixing element for screw-free installation of a windscreen wiper system for motor vehicles, particularly for motor vehicles on vehicle bodywork, wherein:

in which the fixing element ~~which can~~ is configured to be pushed into an attachment or
fixing hole and to be anchored there by engagement, the fixing element
comprising ~~[[has]]~~ a grommet made of an elastic material, which ~~can be~~ is
inserted into the attachment or fixing hole, wherein the grommet comprises ~~and is~~
designed for engagement with at least one projection acting as a catch with which
the grommet engages in the attachment or fixing hole,

wherein, on the grommet in the area of the at least one projection, at least one cavity is arranged radially inwards opposite the at least one projection with reference to a grommet axis.

18. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 17, wherein the cavity is a cutout, for example a circular groove-~~[[like]]~~ shaped cutout.

19. (Previously Presented) The fixing element according to claim 18, wherein the cavity is a cutout open towards the circumference of the grommet, and wherein the cavity has an extension stretching under the at least one projection.

20. – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Withdrawn) The fixing element according to claim 17, wherein the cavity is formed by a section of the grommet opening with an enlarged cross-section.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 17, wherein that the grommet forms a further contact surface axially distanced from ~~the at least one~~ a locking area and that the axial distance between the ~~the~~ further contact surface ~~on the grommet side and the at least one locking area~~ are ~~at the most~~ equal to or less than the axial distance between a first surface gripped from behind at the attachment or fixing hole formed by the locking area and a second surface formed at the attachment or fixing hole which lies against the further contact surface on the grommet side.

26. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 25, wherein the further contact surface on the grommet side is formed by a flange-~~[[like]]~~ shaped grommet section projecting over the circumference of the grommet.

27. – 29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The fixing element according to claim 17, wherein that ~~[[the]]~~ a volume of the at least one cavity is at least equal to ~~[[the]]~~ a volume of the at least one projection.